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SUBJECT: ALASTAIR BUCHAN ON THE UNITED STATES - THE
TROUBLED GIANT

1. ALASTAIR BUCHAN IS CURRENTLY GIVING A SERIES--THE
REITH LECTURES--ON BBC ON THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION.
THE LECTURES ARE WIDELY FOLLOWED IN UK AND ARE CONSIDERED
TO BE AN IMPORTANT COMMENTARY ON THE SHAPE OF THE WORLD.
THE THIRD LECTURE (OF SIX) IS DEVOTED TO THE UNITED
STATES, WHOSE ACTIONS AND REACTIONS "CAN PROBABLY AFFECT
THE NATURE OF WORLD POLITICS, THE PROSPECTS OF PEACE
OR OF CHANGE WITHOUT WAR, MORE THAN ANY OTHER."

2. BUCHAN SAYS THAT U.S. HAS RE-ACQUIRED "PRESSING
MATERIAL INTERESTS LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES AND CAN NO
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LONGER PURSUE ...DISINTERESTED POLICIES." NATIONALISM,

NOT ISOLATIONISM, IS LEADING U.S. TOWARD BELIEF IT SHOULD GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO THE PROTECTION OF ITS OWN INTERESTS BY AN ATTITUDE OF MENACE. DESPITE THIS U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IS ALMOST ONLY SUCCESS STORY OF NIXON ADMINISTRATION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ACCOMPLISHING SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS BY SKILLFUL AND DOGGED NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN MOST SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF LECTURE, BUCHAN DISCUSSES US/SOVIET RELATIONS. HE RECOGNIZES THAT DETENTE IS WELCOME IN THE WORLD BUT HE SAYS "MY OWN... FEAR IS THAT KISSINGER IS SIMPLY PERMITTING BREZHNEV TO INSIST THAT THE TWO POWERS GIVE PRIORITY TO THEIR RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER WITHOUT FORCING EITHER TO CONFRONT THE MEANS OF CONTROLLING OTHER OR LESSER SOURCES OF CONFLICT: IN FACT BUILDING BETWEEN THEM A DEUTERO-ALLIANCE WHICH SIMPLY INCREASES SOVIET FREEDOM OF ACTION WITHOUT CREATING THAT 'STRUCTURE OF PEACE' OF WHICH KISSINGER SO OFTEN SPEAKS".

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